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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Kevin Y Kim

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 July 2001.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2 and 8-10 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-7 and 11-16 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/7/0, 12/17/01.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

Arrangement of the Specification

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

- (a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
- (b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
- I STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.
- (d) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC (See 37 CFR 1.52(e)(5) and MPEP 608.05. Computer program listings (37 CFR 1.96I), "Sequence Listings" (37 CFR 1.821I), and tables having more than 50 pages of text are permitted to be submitted on compact discs.) or REFERENCE TO A "MICROFICHE APPENDIX" (See MPEP § 608.05(a). "Microfiche Appendices" were accepted by the Office until March 1, 2001.)
- (e) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.
 - (1) Field of the Invention.
 - (2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- (f) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.
- (g) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).
- (h) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.
- (i) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (j) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (k) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing" is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

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2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1,2,9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weerackody et al (US 5,671,156) in view of Li et al (US 6,504,836).

Consider claims 1 and 9. Referring to Fig. 5E, Weerackody et al discloses a transmitter and a method (55B) comprising;

a means/step for generating frames of primary digital data (60),

an attribution means/step (61) that attributes a priority (Type IA, Type IA, Type II, etc.)

to each of the frames, and

a protection means/step (62,78A,78, etc.) of a forward error correction (FEC) type that adds redundancy data packets, where the redundancy is a function of the level of the priority.

See col.8, lines 443-46 describing a CRC-16 encoder that appends a 16-bit error detection code for Type I, and col.8, lines 56-58 describing a less powerful FEC encoding.

The forward error corrected data are delivered over a communication channel (65).

But Weerackody et al fails to teach "the quantity of the redundancy data" to be a function of "the error rate of the communication channel." Li et al teaches adapting a redundancy of the forward error control depending on the error rate of the transmission medium for optimizing the efficiency of the transmission system. See col. 8, lines 30-38. Thus, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to vary the redundancy bits in the forward error correction encoder (62,78A,78, etc.) of Weerackody et al as a function of the

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error rate of the transmission channel in order to optimize the efficiency of the transmission system, as taught by Li et al.

Regarding claims 2 and 10, calling for redundancy data being proportionally numerous to the priority level and to the error rate of the channel. Weerackbody et al teaches stronger error correction for a certain type of data than for other type as explained above, indicating more redundancy data for a higher priority. Also Li et al teaches that for a communication line with a lower error rate, a redundancy is reduced, thereby leading to an inference that for a communication line with a higher error rate, a redundancy is increased. See col. 8, lines 33-35.

4. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weerackody et al (US 5,671,156) in view of Li et al (US 6,504,836) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Kawai (US 6,760,360).

Weerackody et al in combination with Li et al disclose all the claimed subject matter claimed, as explained above, except for a "telephone device" comprising the transmitter. Kawai teaches a telephone that is capable of transmitting and receiving JPEG data in addition to conventional audio. See Fig.1, col. 1, lines 50-63. Thus, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to equip a telephone device with the transmitter of Weerackody et al, which is designed to transmit JPEG images and modified by Li et al for the purpose of providing a transmission capability of images in addition to audio, as taught by Kawai.

Allowable Subject Matter

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5. Claims 3-7, 11-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Y Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-3039. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM --5PM M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on 571-272-3056. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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